

Feirs. Rejected claim. L.B.

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Affidavit- John Dunn.

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" (3) Jacob Wheat

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State of Missouri
New Madrid County. Jacob Wheat was in the
regular service of the United States in the year
seventeen hundred and twenty nine or eighty as
a private in Capt George Owens company stationed
at Fort Jefferson under the chief command
of Genl Geo Rogers. Clerk entered the service
at Louisville. He remembers distinctly Capt
George Owens who was elected and his
company organized by the order of Genl
Clark and who went with us with his
company and others from Louisville to Fort
Jefferson. That his Capt Owens company
(together with others) were engaged in
two battles with the Indians while at Fort
Jefferson in which he (Owens) greatly
distinguished himself and in one of which
he shot, killed with his own hand
In the year seventeen hundred & eighty two
I think it was we were all ordered to
the army remained at Fort Nelson

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Some years afterwards I heard that Owings
was kept prisoner by a party of Indians who
knew of him I do not know
always understood that Capt Owings belonged
to Genl George Rogers Clarke's regiment as
Clark promised them liberty for their
services. Owings was a brave man, and
his services was not inferior to any man of
my acquaintance. I remember that his wife's
name was Charity. She was a large woman
and father said not Jacob Wheat
State of Missouri: I Asahel Smith a Justice
of the peace in and for the county of Adams do
hereby certify that the above foregoing deposition
of Jacob Wheat was sworn to & subscribed
before me in due form of law, and I do
further certify that I have been acquainted with
said Jacob Wheat a number of years and that
his character for truth & veracity has never been
questioned to my knowledge he is as he informs
me Eighty years of age his mind appears to
be vigorous & good memory and with ability for

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State of Missouri 3
County of New Madrid 3⁰⁰

I Richard Barkley Clerk of The County Court
in and for The County of New Madrid in The State of Missouri
do Certify that Asahel Smith whose name is subscribed to
the within and foregoing Certificate or attestation is now and
was when he subscribed the same. an acting Justice of
The peace in and for The County of New Madrid in The
State of Missouri aforesaid. And that full Credit ought
to be given to his official acts. and that his Certificate is
in due form of Law

In Testimony whereof I have here
unto set my hand and affixed the
Seal of said County Court. at office
in The Town of New Madrid this
fifth day of June A.D. 1840

Richard Barkley Clerk

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*Deposition of-
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Mr Cap. Geo. Owens

Adm. Genl. - Genl.

James

Register Virginia

Richard

He is in receipt of 1840

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Washington City

June 17th 1840

His Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth of Va

Sir

The enclosed Deposition of Mr
Jacob Wheat, in the claim of Capt
Geo Owen decd has been forwarded to me
with a request to transmit it to you
The commission of Capt Owen and
Sworn Depositions relating to his claim
were transmitted to the H. of C. & Council some
time since

Very Respectfully

your most oth. Servt

Edw Carr

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for

L. Off Virginia

Redmond 26 June 34

No Militia officer was settled to land
 bounty; unless he settled the Militia,
 & afterwards served in the Virginia
 State or Continental Service for 3 years,
 at least; or, unless he died in the service;
 or, became a Supernumerary by the
 reduction of the rank to which he
 belonged.

I return the Commission-

Yr Obedt

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John H. H. H.

John (m)

14 September 1840

Washington, D.C.

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Charleston Decr 19th 1839

Genl John Carr

Sir at the request of the
Heirs I have taken out letters of administration
on the Estate of Captain George Owings, and
a copy of which is herewith included, I send enclosed
also the commission of Captain George Owings,
will you have the goodness to make inquiry about
the amount of money due for his services
If justice has been done by the proper officers in returning
the estate of Captain George Owings, there must
certainly be a considerable amount of money
as well as bounty land due to the heirs of Captain
George Owings.

I am preparing the proper testimony to make
applications for bounty lands on account of the
services of Capt. Owings, I have taken out
depositions which clearly prove his services for more
than three years, from the same persons I learn
that Capt. Owings rendered good service.

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Similian river where they burnt him for seven days, and at his own request a man by the name of William Mills shot him to put him out of his misery; Mr. J. Abbott Esq of Bethlehem informs me that he has heard his grandfather frequently speak of the services and bravery of Capt Owings and of his being burnt &c and he thinks his grandmother will recollect something about him, I shall talk here a few days ago that he was well acquainted (from reports) with the services of and of the burning of Capt Owings, and when the exchange of prisoners and property took place at Vincennes that the sword of Captain George Owings was delivered to him to take to his family White Indiana, he speaks in the highest terms of his bravery and the services which he rendered to his country the wife of Captain Owings has been dead near thirty years there is no question in my mind from the information which I have received, but what his services was equal to the services of any man that I know of - that service

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they are citizens of Scott County perhaps you
are acquainted with them, George & and Thomas
Owings are the names of these men

I hope you will make the proper enquiry
in relation to this matter, and write to me
and advise me what course to pursue,

I am dear Sir respectfully yours

Wm. L. Linn. S.

Wm. L. Linn.

PS If you should find money to be due to Captain
Owings, which I suppose there is, I will authorize
you to draw it

you are requested to send J. Ware, Gibson a
copy of the law passed last winter in relation
to payment to be by the government of horses lost in the
service of United States, and the regulations of
the Department respecting the proof necessary &c

ascertain if the name of Captain George Owings

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*Paul John Leann
Washington City
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Charles Lacey June 10th 1840

Dear Sir

I have just returned from a mission
to which place I have ^{been} for the deposition Jacob
Wheat, which is herewith inclosed, which I think
shows conclusively that Capt. Owings belonged to the
regular service. I have had in contemplation to
visit Mr. Richmond & inquire whether I could advance
the claim of the claimant or not is uncertain, feeling well
satisfied as to the justice of the claim, being well satisfied
that no provision has ever been made for the payment of
Capt. Owings, before his death or for his heirs since his death
I feel inclined to present the claim as far as possible
you will please forward this deposition to the department
at Richmond, if he thought necessary I think we can
satisfy the department that no application has ever been
made for the claim except in 1834 information was asked for
by yourself, the answer I have, which is herewith inclosed
also the reason of the claim being so long neglected by the
line, was because of their ignorance on the laws on the

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John and Jane

*John Carr
M. C.*

*Washington City
D. C.*

State of Indiana

Clark County

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I Henry Harrod
Clerk of the Probate Court of the County of
Clark and State of Indiana, do Certify
that Administration of the Goods, chattels,
rights, credits, monies and Effects which were
of Captain George Owens deceased, who
died intestate, is granted unto John C.
Parker, and the said John C. Parker
is authorized to Administer the same according
to Law.

Witness my hand and the seal of
said Court this 16th day of December
in the year of our Lord (one)
thousand, eight hundred and
thirty, A.D.

Test

Henry Harrod Clerk

Wm. L. Shelby his Deputy

State of Indiana

Clark County

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I Henry Harrod
Clerk of the Probate Court for the County of Clark
in said State of Indiana, do hereby Certify that

unto John C Parker, and that the said
John C Parker entered into bond as by law
required in the penal sum of Ten thousand
Dollars, with Christopher Cook his security
and took the Oath required by law as such
Administrator, and that the within and
foregoing contains a full, true, and complete
copy of the Letters issued to the said John
C Parker, administrator as aforesaid, as the
same remains of Record in the Clerk's Office
of the County and State aforesaid.

My Testimony whereof I have
unto subscribed my name and thereto
affixed the seal of the Probate Court
of the County of Clark at Charleston
this 16th day of December A.D. 1839.

Thos. Henry Harrod, Clerk
of the Probate Court of Clark County, Ind.,
for J. H. Shelby, his Deputy

State of Indiana
Clark County, Ind.

I, William M. Gooden, the Judge of
the Probate Court in and for the County and State
aforesaid do hereby certify that Thos. Henry Harrod
whose signature appears above (by Isaac
Shelby agent his lawful Deputy) is Clerk of our said
Court of Probate duly commissioned and qualified
as such and that his said certificate is due

Letters of Adam
on the Estates of
Cap. In Union do L.

for
John C. Robinson Esq.

Dec 16th 1829

Wm. of Rpts March 12 9. 1840

Col. Hattard. Ch. Parker
Register of the Land Office Richmond

Sir I have in inclose to you the deposition of
David Ewens and Capt John Dunn relating
to the claim of Capt George Owing. Major Dan
Ewens and John Dunn are I believe respectable
men. I am not personally acquainted with Mr
Dunn but have always understood and do believe
him to be a highly respectable man and have
no hesitation in saying that any statement made
by him may be relied on. Other depositions can
be had if thought necessary.

I have the commission of Capt George Owing
given to him in the fourth year of the com-
monwealth of Virginia which if necessary
will be sent to you. It is old and a good
deal worn out. Will you be kind enough to
examine the claim and when convenient affor-
me a line

Very respectfully your Oth Servt

John Carr

authorizing me to the business relating to said
claim of Capt. James Shelby^{and} for them to
receive the warrants when issued with you inform-
ation to the facts in this case. I have all
the powers of the several heirs interested in the
case in my possession

Very respectfully yours

John C. Carr
J. C.

Capt. Geo. Owings.
petition for land bounty.

Rec^d. March 14. 1840.

The evidence not sufficient
to show that Capt Owings
was in the regular army
Rejected. *LG*
March 27. 1840.

Capt. O's commission, & the deposition of David
Owen & Geo. Brown, with accompanying enls., exp^d.
for Geo. Can. June 6. 1841.

Washington City March 14 1840

His Excellency the Governor
of the Commonwealth
of Virginia

Sir

A few day ago the Hon. Mr. Chapman
enclosed a letter of mine together with the depo-
-itions of Messrs John Deane of the City of Louisville
Ky & David Owen of Indiana relating to the claims
of the late Capt George Owens to Col. J. H.
Parker Keeper of the Land Office Richmond Va
and this day recd a letter from Col. Parker saying
that he had forwarded the letter and depositions
to your department. The Governor & Council being
the proper tribunal for the adjudication of such
cases. In addition to the papers already sent con-
-=ing s^d claims, I beg leave to transmit to your
Excellency the Commission given to the late
Col. George Owens together with the letters
of administration granted to John C. Parker of
Indiana upon the E. L. of both George Owens
deed and also a letter from said John C. Parker
to myself making some statement in regards to the
claims

with high respect

I have honor

to be your obedt Servt

John C. Parker

Gov. David Campbell
Richmond
Virginia

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

George Owings Esq

Gentleman.

NOW you, that from the especial Trust and Confidence reposed in your Patriotism, Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, you are
by these Presents, constituted and appointed

*in and for the County of Illinois in the District of
Springfield*

you are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge all the Duties appertaining to the said Office, and to hold the same according to an
of General Assembly entitled *An Act for establishing the County of Illinois, and for the more effectual Protection and Defence thereof.*

John Todd Esq County Lieutenant of the County of Illinois, the 27th
In the year of the Commonwealth of Virginia the 22nd

John Todd Esq

State of Indiana }
County of Clark }

David Owings of the State
aforesaid being duly sworn makes oath & says,
that his first acquaintance with Captain George Owings
commenced sometime in April 1782, at which time
this affiant in company with his father removed to
Louisville in the State of Kentucky. Captain George Owings
was at that time in the fort at Louisville, in command
of his company, I was informed by Captain George Owings
and others of his men that they had been stationed at
the Iron banks at fort Jefferson; at they told me that
Captain George Owings had shot Colonel Colbert at fort
Jefferson while he Colbert was in command of the
Indians who were besieging the fort. This latter statement
affiant does not know of his own knowledge, but only
from hearsay at the time. This affiant lived in the fort
at the falls; from the time of his arrival there in April
1782 till the autumn of (1783) one thousand seven hundred
and eighty three, Captain George Owings remained at
the fort in command of his company, except at such
times as he was absent in pursuit of Indians on
the other side of the river. This affiant remembers
to have frequently seen Captain George Owings returning
with his company from their scouting expeditions
bearing with them prisoners & scalps.

Affiant states that in the fall of one thousand seven
hundred and eighty three the company under the
command of Captain Owings was disbanded,
and that up to that time Captain Owings retained
the command of it. After his company was disbanded

seen as follows. Captain George Owings in company with two men one named Jerry Mays, and another John Oliver had started on a hunting expedition, and on their return, they were attacked by a party of Indians who killed Mays the first fire, and captured Capt Owings, and John Oliver. The Indians took Mrs Oliver and Captain Owings with them to the mouth of Vermillion River in Indiana, where they burned Captain George Owings several days by a slow fire.

These latter facts this affiant learned from Mrs Hart, and William Wells who were prisoners and present at the time of the burning; he has also heard the same statements from John Oliver, above named, and has no doubt of their truth.

This affiant was acquainted with Charity Owings the wife of Captain George Owings for several years before the death of Captain Owings; she has been dead four or five years. Affiant further states that Captain George Owings had two sons by his wife Charity, who were named George E. Owings & Thomas Owings, and who are both living at this time in Scott County in this state.

These are the only heirs now living of whom this affiant has any knowledge. There was a daughter who is dead. This affiant is a

nephew to Captain George Owings. Captain Owings & this affiant's father were half brothers.

This affiant has no interest direct or indirect in the event of the application now making by the heirs of Captain Owings for lands or other claims. Captain Owings had the reputation

State of Indiana
Clark County. J. Henry Harrod Clerk
of the Probate Court for the County of
Clark in said State of Indiana the same being
a Court of Record do certify that on the
13 day of February in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty David
Owings appeared in open Court and made
oath to the within affidavit and acknowl-
edges the signature to the within affidavit
and states that the matters and things set
forth in the aforesaid affidavit within
to be true to the best of his knowledge
and belief.

In Testimony Whereof I have here-
to set my name and thereto affix-
ed the Seal of the Probate Court
at Charleston, this 13 day of
Feby AD 1840

J. Henry Harrod

Clerk

State of Indiana

Clark County do

I Miles M. Goodson Sole Judge of the Probate
Court in and for the County and State aforesaid The same being
now in session do certify that Henry Harrod being
Clerk of our said Court duly commissioned and qualified
as such and that his said Certificate is in due form of
Law I further certify that I have been personally
acquainted with David Owens, whose affidavit
above appears for a long space of time, that he is a
man of respectability and that his statements above

and burnt him for some days, as this affiant was subsequently
informed by John River who made his escape from there
shortly afterwards.

This affiant further states that he
was acquainted with William Wells, and is well satisfied
in his own mind that Wells was present and with the Indians
when Capt. Boone was burnt. This affiant further states
that Capt. Boone was considered a brave man and
a fine soldier as ever lived and considered as much
valued in his country as any officer of same rank in his day in notifying
the women and children in the fortifications of his country.

And this affiant states in conclusion that he does
not know any one who has the name of "John" or "Captain"
George Jackson, up to this date, and although he understands as
well as get the circumstances above related are as given in his
own mind as though they had happened near up to the present.

This affiant states that Fort Jefferson was at
what is called now the Iron Banks, on the
Mississippi River.

And further affiant saith not.

J. D. Dorne

State of Kentucky
Jefferson County Set

The foregoing Deposition of
John Dorne was taken, subscribed and sworn to
by said Dorne, before me an acting Justice of
the Peace in and for said County, and duly
Commissioned. The said Dorne is a man of
undoubted character and veracity, one of the
best, and most respectable of our Citizens.

I, Geo. in hope Clerk of the County Court of Jefferson
County in the State of Kentucky do certify that on that day,
Samuel C. Dickinson who has signed the foregoing certificate is
an acting Justice of the Peace, in & for said County, duly
commissioned & sworn, and that full faith & credit are
due to his official acts -

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, & affixed my Seal of office this 8th day
of February 1840 - the 48 year of the
Commonwealth

Curran Pope

State of Kentucky }
Jefferson County } 20th

I, Samuel Churchill, the presiding
Justice of the Jefferson County Court do certify that
Curran Pope whose name is signed to the foregoing Certificate
is and was at the time of signing the same the regularly qualified
Clerk of said County Court of Jefferson, and that all his
official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit as
well in Courts of Justice as elsewhere and that the foregoing Certificate
is in due form of Law. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
signed my name this 28th of February 1840 -

Samuel Churchill

State of Kentucky }
Jefferson County } 20th

I, Curran Pope Clerk of the County
Court of Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky, do certify
that Samuel Churchill who has signed the foregoing
Certificate is the presiding Justice in said County Court of

Louisiana Feb. 27. 1840

We, the undersigned, state that we have known Capt. John
Normo who has deposed to the foregoing statement, and we
inform whatever truth only the deposition is intended for
that the deponent is personally known to us, and we
are pleased to say he is a gentleman of honesty
and unimpeached integrity and that whatever
he states to be true may be implicitly relied upon

Henry Pottle
J. Marshall